

## **Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update** **(as of May 31, 2012)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 180,925 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 98,910.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently fifty-three patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-six percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 17 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Fifty-four percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition).
- More than 900 different physicians have signed for current patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$35, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007, and was again lowered from \$90 on January 1, 2012.

Table I: County Information

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	7,158	7%
Alamosa	240	<1%
Arapahoe	9,244	9%
Archuleta	351	<1%
Baca	47	<1%
Bent	45	<1%
Boulder	8,765	9%
Broomfield	990	1%
Chaffee	513	1%
Cheyenne	24	<1%
Clear Creek	406	<1%
Conejos	92	<1%
Costilla	139	<1%
Crowley	81	<1%
Custer	100	<1%
Delta	548	1%
Denver	15,491	16%
Dolores	58	<1%

Douglas	2,968	3%
Eagle	1,012	1%
El Paso	13,289	13%
Elbert	286	<1%
Fremont	998	1%
Garfield	1,302	1%
Gilpin	368	<1%
Grand	317	<1%
Gunnison	313	<1%
Hinsdale	19	<1%
Huerfano	180	<1%
Jackson	19	<1%
Jefferson	11,037	11%
Kiowa	14	<1%
Kit Carson	61	<1%
La Plata	1,625	2%
Lake	192	<1%
Larimer	5,076	5%
Las Animas	222	<1%
Lincoln	46	<1%
Logan	187	<1%
Mesa	2,114	2%
Mineral	9	<1%
Moffat	210	<1%
Montezuma	643	1%
Montrose	628	1%
Morgan	187	<1%
Otero	218	<1%
Ouray	108	<1%
Park	681	1%
Phillips	30	<1%
Pitkin	658	1%
Prowers	86	<1%
Pueblo	2,644	3%
Rio Blanco	64	<1%
Rio Grande	145	<1%
Routt	877	1%
Saguache	222	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	312	<1%
Sedgwick	19	<1%
Summit	962	1%
Teller	857	1%
Washington	63	<1%
Weld	3,250	3%
Yuma	81	<1%

\* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

<b>Reported Condition</b>	<b>Number of Patients Reporting Condition</b>	<b>Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**</b>
Cachexia	1,201	1%
Cancer	2,553	3%
Glaucoma	1,022	1%
HIV/AIDS	627	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,035	17%
Seizures	1,668	2%
Severe Pain	92,704	94%
Severe Nausea	11,471	12%

\*\*Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent on Registry</b>	<b>Average Age**</b>
Male	68%	41
Female	32%	43

\*\* The overall average age of all patients is 42 years old.